

Highlights of 2007

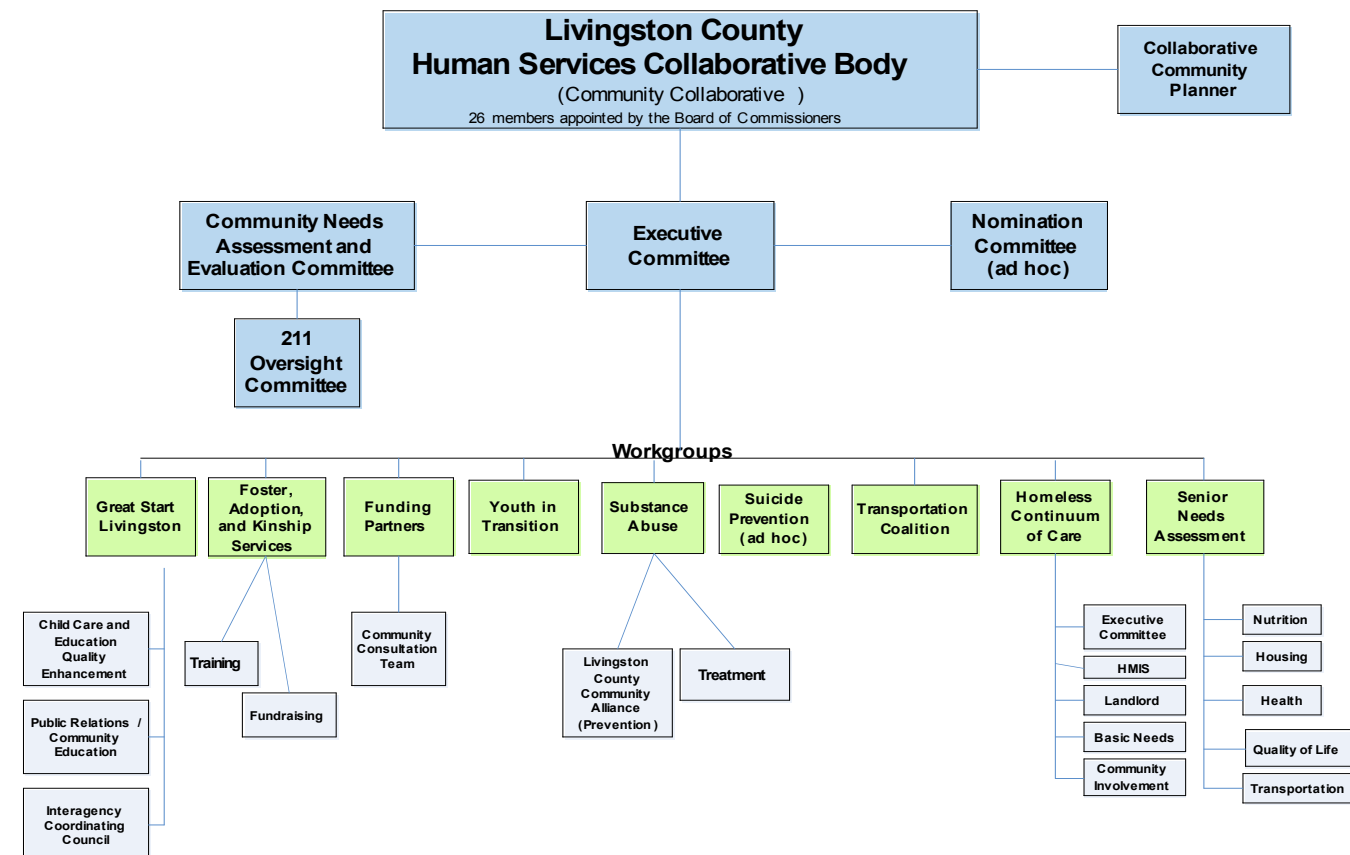
Providing for Basic Needs

- Added 10 units of Supportive Housing in the county
- Added 14 units of transitional housing for homeless youth and families
- Developed agreements between emergency agencies to accept others intake forms and developed common release of information and fax forms
- Increased awareness of housing issues in the county through Homeless Awareness Week activities
- Held point in time count of homelessness
- Increased the number of individuals entered into the Homeless Management Information System and agencies began sharing data across systems
- Educated legislators on transportation needs in the county
- Feasibility study on local public transportation needs was completed



Preventing and Treating Substance Abuse

- Developed quarterly training schedule to increase skills of substance abuse clinicians and to better coordinate systems
- A survey of case management programs in Livingston County was conducted
- A "Parental Attitudes" subcommittee was formed and has begun planning activities for the coming year
- LCCA conducted the 5th Annual 2007 Run Drugs Out of Town Run, on Saturday, September 8th, at the Howell City Park; having another successful event



Great Start
Livingston

Foster, Adoption and
Kinship Services

Funding Partners

Youth in Transition

Substance Abuse

Transportation
Coalition

Homeless
Continuum

Suicide Prevention

Senior Needs
Assessment



2007 Annual Report to the Community



*"Ensuring a System of Support for
Members of Our Community."*

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From the Chair:

Livingston County’s health and human service agencies have a well deserved reputation for working collaboratively to address community needs and problems. Indeed, we are so used to working together that we sometimes don’t realize how unusual this is, or how powerful our collective efforts and voice can be. During 2007 we took a number of steps to ensure that our community and its leaders understand the impact that our collaborative efforts have in our community.

As one example, last Spring HSCB members met with our legislative delegation to discuss the impact of the state’s ongoing budget problems on our community and a small number of those directors also participated on a panel discussion with Governor Jennifer Granholm. Our consistent message was that our citizens are struggling, and the community agencies and resources are at a breaking point. We encouraged our leaders to find comprehensive long-term solutions to the state’s budget problem; solutions which could maintain the critical services our citizens need during these difficult times. We our pleased that our legislators were among those who worked to find compromises that eventually led to a resolution of the budget impasse.

We engaged in several other outreach initiatives as well. The HSCB met with media representatives to discuss the “Kids Count” data published by the Michigan League for Human Services. We also published two fact sheets on health and human service needs as part of an ongoing series, and are pleased to announce that a HSCB website will be launched in early 2008.

Our workgroups and committees continue their impressive work despite the challenges posed by the state’s lingering economic problems. This report summarizes some of the results of our collaborative and I encourage you to review them. In response to emerging needs in our community, we formed two new ad-hoc workgroups in 2007: Suicide Prevention and Basic Needs. Both will issue reports in 2008. The Senior Needs Assessment workgroup will also submit its report to the HSCB this year.

Finally, as my two-year term as HSCB chair draws to a close, I would like to thank HSCB members, and the more than 150 members of HSCB workgroups and committees who share their time and talent to make collaboration successful in Livingston County. What we do together does make a difference and we are fortunate to be a part of a community that understands the power of collaboration.

---Bill Sleight

What is the Purpose of the Human Services Collaborative Body?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as Community Collaboratives by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives representing public and nonprofit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn more about the work of the HSCB, contact the staff Alissa Parks at 517-546-4126 or aparks@cmhliv.org

HSCB Mission

Ensuring a system of support for members of our community

HSCB Values

- We believe the needs of children, adults, and families drive our planning and services.
- We believe that collaboration means shared stewardship of community resources for the common good of Livingston County.
- We believe that collaboration requires broad community representation.
- We believe the HSCB is responsible for developing continuums of service from prevention to treatment.
- We believe the HSCB should ensure that community members needing services from multiple agencies receive services as efficiently and effectively as possible by creating systems of care.
- We believe that the HSCB should provide a caring community for Livingston County residents by supporting each other’s work.
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Supporting Families with Young Children

Healthy Families Program

- Served 91 high risk families with home visiting and parent support
- 100% of families reported improved parenting skills as a result of the program
- 95% of children were current with immunizations
- 96% of families served did not have a category 1 or 2 child protective service substantiated case of child abuse or neglect
- 97% of children served through HFL met age-appropriate developmental milestones

Great Start

- Worked with local partners to hold activities for Parenting Awareness Month. Developed information packets, a calendar, and a series of community presentations
- Co-sponsored the “Champion for Children” award with the Child Abuse Prevention Council
- Incorporated the Inter-Agency Coordinating Council, and created an Early On Task Force, to broaden community support for the program and build capacity for continuous improvement
- Participated in the local “Community Sharing for Healthy Caring” conference; distributed Great Start educational pieces to almost 2000 early childhood professionals
- Created and distributed an early childhood fact sheet to build community awareness and support of young children’s issues in Livingston County



Planning for Senior Growth

- Formed 6 task forces to assess needs and develop recommendations for all seniors in the county
- Compiled recommendations into final report and presentation which will be shared with the community starting in Spring 2008

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Supporting High Risk Families

Family Partner Program

- 51 families were served through this intensive process to prevent future involvement with Child Protective Services and stabilize homes
- As of one year post closure to the program, 100% did not have re-involvement with Child Protective Services at Category 3 or higher
- 87% of families maintained or improved functioning at closure

Foster, Adoption, and Kinship Services

- Increased number of licensed homes during the year to 52
- Held 10 trainings for current or potential foster and adoptive parents
- Held annual recognition dinner, picnic, and monthly parent support groups and provided mentoring and respite support

Wraparound Process

- Maintained Wraparound services through budget cuts by implementing the new SED Waiver
- Pooled \$570,680 from nine different sources to serve 51 high risk children with Wraparound model – avoiding costly, out-of-home placements
- Average decrease of 39 points on the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS) for youth closed to Wraparound (*a 20 point reduction is considered statistically significant*)
- 74% of children had improved functioning at time of exit from the process
- Studied by two national research projects evaluating blended funding models and use of outcome measures

